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SUBJECT: UNFICYP AUGMENTATION: TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING

1. ACCORDING TO UK MISOFF FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING AFTERNOON 22 JULY IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL BY SYG TO INCREASE CONTINGENTS. SYG REITERATED HIS APPEAL AND STATED THAT LATEST INFORMATION HE HAD (2145 HOURS CYPRUS TIME) CEASEFIRE HOLDING AND ALL QUIET ON ISLAND.

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2. UK RESPONDED THAT ONCE IT PRACTICABLE AND TROOPS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO DEFEND THEIR BASES, THEY PREPARED PROVIDE TWO INFANTRY COMPANIES, TWO SCOUT OR ARMORED CAR COMPANIES, AND A REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (APPROXIMATELY 600 MEN). FINNISH REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HIS GOVT SHOULD MAKE DECISION WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS, BUT WISHED TO REPORT THAT FINLAND HAS TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF PROVIDING 200 MEN WITHIN MATTER OF HOURS AND AN ADDITIONAL 200 MEN WITHIN 8 TO 10 DAYS, PROVIDED UNEF ROTATION POSTPONED AND SUBJECT TO SORTING OUT OF TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES. (SEE SEPTEL RE TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES.)

3. AUSTRALIAN REP SAID THEY COULD NOT PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL POLICEMEN AND IT MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEM IF THEY WERE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TROOPS. SYG TOLD THEM TO SEEK ADDITIONAL MEN AND NOT TO WORRY ABOUT "PROBLEMS" NOW. COMMENT: ASSUME "PROBLEM" WOULD BE ADDITION OF ANOTHER TROOP CONTINGENT RATHER THAN AUGMENTATION OF PRESENT POLICE CONTINGENT.)

4. IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN QUESTIONS RE SCALE OF REQUIREMENTS, SYG STATED HIS INTENTION TO DOUBLE UNFICYP TO APPROXIMATELY 5,000 MEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AIRLIFTING SAME THROUGH NICOSIA AIRPORT, WITH THE AID OF UK LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. THEIR EXACT USE ON ISLAND MUST AWAIT SUGGESTIONS OF PREM CHAND, BUT SYG WOULD EXPECT TO BRING EVERY CONTINGENT TO FULL BATTALION STRENGTH.

5. SWEDES ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND WITHIN THEIR CAPABILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND SAID THAT IT WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK FOR ARRIVAL OF AN ADDITIONAL 150 MEN ON ISLAND.

6. DANES REPORTED THAT THEY HAD NO DECISION FROM COPENHAGEN YET; IRISH SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAD THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, THEY HAD SENT REQUEST TO DUBLIN FOR INCREASE; AUSTRIAN REP SAID THAT THEY HAD NOTHING CONCRETE TO REPORT FROM HIS GOVERNMENT.

7. SYG SUMMED UP MEETING BY STATING THAT MEETING HAD PRODUCED APPROXIMATELY 1150 ADDITIONAL MEN, FAR SHORT OF 2600 HE NEEDED AND THEREFORE HE WOULD BE CONTINUING HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTACTS AND MIGHT ISSUE ANOTHER APPEAL FOR AUGMENTATION.

8. UN HELD MINI-BRIEFING FOR CORRESPONDENTS IN WHICH SPOKESMAN STATED THAT SYG HAD JUST MET WITH REPS OF THE 8 COUNTRIES ALREADY CONTRIBUTING TO UNFICYP TO ASK THEM WHAT ADDITIONAL TROOPS THEY WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE. ACCORDING TO UN SPOKESMAN, THERE WAS A VERY "POSITIVE" RESPONSE. ONLY ONE COUNTRY, UK, WAS SAID TO HAVE ALREADY MADE A SPECIFIC

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